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Isaac Herzog

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Place of Birth: Tel Aviv, Israel

Date of Birth: 22 September, 1960

Ethnicity: Ashkenazi Jewish

Isaac Herzog is an Israeli politician. He has been President of Israel, since 7 July, 2021. He was previously a member of the Knesset, from 2003 to 2018, chairman of the Labor Party and the Zionist Union alliance, from 2013 to 2017, Leader of the Opposition, from 2013 to 2018, and Chairman of the Jewish Agency, from 2018 to 2021, among other duties.

Isaac is the son of Aura Herzog, a social and environmental activist, and Chaim Herzog, a politician, general, lawyer, and diplomat, who also served as President

of Israel, from, 5 May, 1983 to 13 May, 1993. **His father was born in Belfast, Ireland, to Ashkenazi Jewish parents from Poland and Latvia,** and moved to Israel in 1935. **His mother was born in Ismailia, Egypt, also to an Ashkenazi Jewish family.** Isaac's uncle, by marriage, was diplomat and politician Abba Eban, who was married to his mother's sister Suzy.

Isaac is married to Michal, a lawyer, with whom he has three children.

Isaac's paternal grandfather was Rabbi Yitzhak HaLevi Herzog (the son of Yoel/Joel Leib **Gercek/Herzog**, Halevi, and of Liba Miriam **Cyrowicz**). Isaac's grandfather Itzhak was born in Łomża, Vistula Land, and was the Chief Rabbi of Ireland, from 1922 to 1935, and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, from 1936 to 1959. He was a fluent speaker of Irish, and was known as the “Sinn Féin Rabbi.” Yoel was born in Gmina Łomża, Podlachia, Poland, the son of Herszk Naftali Gercek/Herzog, Halevi, and of Sora.

Isaac's paternal grandmother was Sara/Sarah Hillman (the daughter of Rabbi Shmuel **Yitzchak Hillman** and **Chaya Shaina Pokempner**). **Sara was born in Radviliškis, Lithuania,** and was a rebbetzin (rabbanit) and diplomat. Shmuel was born in Šeduva, Šiauliai County, Lithuania, and was an Orthodox Talmudic scholar, Posek, and rabbi. He served as a Dayan of the London Beth Din. Rabbi Shmuel was the son of Avraham Chaim Hillman and Feia HaCohen. **Chaya was the daughter of Yitzhak Iche Zvi Naftali Hirsch/Hirshe Pakempner/Pokempner and Leah Brina Marovich Meyerson Scheinker, who was born in Radviliskis, Lithuania.**

Isaac's maternal grandfather was Simcha Ambache/Ambash (the son of Zalman Ambache and Beila Kltatckin). Ambache is an acronym for "I believe in complete faith." Simcha was born in Jaffa, Israel. Zalman was born in Białystok, Podlaskie Voivodeship, Poland, the son of Nachman Ambache. Beila was born in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Isaac's maternal grandmother was Leah Steinberg (the daughter of Michel/Michal Yechiel Sechila/Steinberg and Gitel Benett). Leah was born in Israel. **Michel was born in Suchowola, Poland, the son of Tsvi Steinberg and Sara Dacha. Gitel was born in Russia, the daughter of Eliyahu Benett and Rifka Levin.** The Steinberg family founded Motza, a village on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

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